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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 10482 ACTION SECSTATE 20 OCT 75

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SUBJECT: ISRAELI CARGO TRANSIT

REF CAIRO 10238

1. I TALKED WITH FAHMY LAST NIGHT ABOUT ISRAELI
CARGO TRANSITING THE CANAL ON OCTOBER 22 AS
WE HAD AGREED. HAVING IN MIND HIS PREVIOUS
COMMENT REPORTED REFTEL, I EXPRESSED THE STRONG
HOPE THAT GOE WOULD GO AHEAD WITH PERMITTING
THE TRANSIT. IN THIS CONNECTION, I TOLD HIM
UNDERSECRETARY SISCO HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH
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FROM ISRAEL ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSIT. IT IS

MY IMPRESSION THAT THE ISRAELIS HAVE SINCE THAT TIME BEEN QUIET ON THE MATTER. I HOPED THIS WOULD CONTINUE, BUT STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING AN ISRAELI CARGO TRANSIT ACTION BEHIND US.

2. FAHMY SAID THAT AS OF NOW GOE INTENDS TO PERMIT THE ISRAELI CARGO TO PASS THROUGH THE CANAL. GAMASY HAS ALREADY SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE ON HOW TO HANDLE THE MATTER.

3. HE WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE ISRAELIS TRY TO SEND A SHIP OF THEIR OWN OR HAVE ISRAELI PERSONNEL ON THE THIRD COUNTRY SHIP, GOE WILL TAKE ACTION AGAINST IT. AS WE KNEW, GOE HAD NEVER AGREED TO PERMIT THESE THINGS TO TAKE PLACE.

4. COMMENT: IF THE ISRAELIS PLAY THIS RIGHT, THE CARGO SHOULD TRANSIT WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. HOPEFULLY, THE ISRAELIS WILL AVOID PUBLICITY OF THE TRANSIT AFTER IT TAKES PLACE. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL FURTHER EMBARRASS SADAT.

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